

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 3723
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VAN DE LOO et al.	)	Examiner: Lee D. Wilson
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Serial No.: 10/524,220	)	Confirmation No.: 4108
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Filed: February 8, 2005	)	<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u>
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Atty. File No.: 1037RPL-1	)	
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For: "CLAMPING ASSEMBLY"	)	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of March 14, 2006. With amendment of the claims herein, there continues to be a total of twenty-five total claims; however, there are now five independent claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has included payment for two additional independent claims in excess of three. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.